



City of Rehoboth Beach

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing

Notification of the Issuance of and Request for Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Ocean Outfall in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

The City of Rehoboth Beach has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to permit the design and construction of a new ocean outfall to discharge treated effluent. The EIS has been completed in accordance with the Environmental Review Procedures of the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund as directed by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).

The City of Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant receives wastewater from the City and surrounding areas of Henlopen Acres and Dewey Beach and discharges the treated effluent to the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. To meet the Consent Order between the City of Rehoboth Beach and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and executed by Superior Court on December 11, 2002, the need for an alternative method of discharge is required. The proposed ocean outfall will replace the existing outfall and will discharge into the ocean approximately 6,000 feet from the Deauville Beach parking area. The proposed alignment of the force main would predominately follow existing utilities and right of ways.

The draft EIS compares various alternative methods of treated effluent disposal including no-action and land application as well as the preferred alternative of the ocean outfall and provides an analysis of relevant environmental issues and impacts. The draft EIS can be reviewed on the City of Rehoboth Beach and DNREC websites (<http://www.cityofrehoboth.com/> and <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov>) and at the Rehoboth Beach Public Library from 10am-8pm M-W, 10am-5pm Th-F, and 10am-3pm Sat. until the end of the public comment period. Digital copies are available on request and reasonable requests for printed copies will also be fulfilled.

The public hearing to discuss the contents of the draft EIS will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 1:00pm** at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. The meeting will be transcribed and will include the following agenda items: (1) a brief presentation of DNREC's roles and responsibilities and the EIS process, (2) a presentation summarizing the contents of the draft EIS, and (3) an opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft EIS.

Written comments may be submitted during the public comment period until **May 10, 2012 at 4:30pm**. Please send written comments to Greg Pope, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Financial Assistance Branch, 5 E. Reed St. Suite 200, Dover, DE 19901 or by fax (302)-739-2137 or email at Rehoboth_EIS_Comments@state.de.us. Electronic submission is preferred.